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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: TALKS WITH SITHOLE REPRESENTATIVE

REF: CAPE TOWN 0117, STATE 21662,

IN CONNECTION WITH CHISHOLM EPISODE, SIR DAVID SCOTT
GAVE ME THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATION THIS EVENING:

BEGIN QUOTE: THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY
WAS CONVEYED ORALLY AND DISCREETLY, PROBABLY ON 25 OR 26
JANUARY, TO RELIABLE REPRESENTATIVES OF REV SITHOLE
AND OF BISHOP MUZOREWA.
1. MUZOREWA/SITHOLE WILL KNOW THAT BEFORE CHRISTMAS
I INVITED NKOMO AND MUGABE TO TALKS. FOLLOWING THE
LATTER'S DISCUSSION IN MAPUTO THIS WEEK THEY HAVE SENT
A MESSAGE ACCEPTING THIS INVITATION AND WE HAVE AGREED
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TO MEET IN MALTA ON 30 JANUARY.

2. I SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY LORD CARVER. I EXPECT
THE US GOVERNMENT TO BE REPRESENTED BY AMBASSADOR YOUNG
AND THE US SECRETARY GENERAL BY GENERAL PREM CHAND.

3. I ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE PRINCIPLE THAT ALL

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FOUR OF THE RHODESIAN NATIONALISTS REPRESENTED AT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN THE NEGOTIATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ANY SETTLEMENT. ON THE ONE HAND, THE EXCLUSION OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT MEANS THE CONTINUATION OF THE WAR. ON THE OTHER I HAVE NO INTENTION OF ACCEPTING ANY CLAIM THAT MUZOREWA/SITHOLE HAVE NO ROLE TO PLAY.

4. I DO NOT EXPECT THE MALTA TALKS TO PRODUCE COMPLETE AGREEMENT IMMEDIATELY BUT I AM DETERMINED, AND SO IS THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION, TO MAINTAIN MOMENTUM.

5. FOLLOWING THE MALTA TALKS, I SHALL GET IN TOUCH AGAIN WITH MUZOREWA/SITHOLE TO REVIEW DEVELOPMENTS.

6. MEANWHILE, I MUST URGE THEM TO BEAR IN MIND IN THEIR OWN TALKS WITH MR. SMITH THAT REAL PRIZE IS A SETTLEMENT THAT WINS INTERNATIONAL ACCEPTANCE AND THAT IN MY VIEW THIS IS MOST LIKELY TO BE ACHIEVED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UK/US PROPOSALS. END QUOTE.
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